GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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ENHANCEMENT OF IMPORT DUTY OF TITANIUM DIOXIDE
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government has sent any representation with regard to the Travancore Titanium products and Kerala Minerals and Metals which produce more than the requirement of the product in the country;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether huge quantity of imported materials is causing serious marketing problems for these two units;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government has enhanced the import duty of Titanium Dioxide at least 30 per cent; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b): The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has not received any representation from the State Government.

(c) & (d): Import of titanium dioxide is under OGL. However, details of installed capacity, production of Travancore Titanium Products and Kerala Minerals and Metals and import of Titanium Dioxide into the country is as under:

S.No.	Year	Installed Capacity	Production	Imports
1.	2002-03	66,500 MT	45463 MT	6653 MT
2.	2003-04	86,000 MT	49839 MT	7074 MT
3.	2004-05	86,000 MT	57560 MT	11212 MT

It may be seen that imports are very negligible as compared to the level of production achieved by these two companies.

(e) & (f): In the recent Union Budget announced on 28.2.2006, the peak rate of duty is 12.5%. The import duty on titanium dioxide is kept at peak rate of duty.